

**Fact Sheet
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Draft Removal Action Plan for the Proposed Scripps Ranch Middle School



Public Comment Period Announcement

The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) plans to build Scripps Ranch Middle School (School) on approximately 20 acres of land at 10455 Pomerado Road, San Diego, California.

SDUSD is responsible for the site investigation and cleanup. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) ensures that the cleanup work meets state and federal standards that protect the public's health and the environment.

SITE HISTORY

The proposed school site was part of the Camp Elliott military base. Historical records indicate that this portion of Camp Elliott was used as a firing range and tank course. It is not known if ammunition was actually fired within the proposed school site area.

Alliant International University began operations on the property in the mid 1960's.

WHAT INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE SITE?

Due to the potential presence of ordnance and explosives/unexploded ordnance (OE/UXO), DTSC recommended that a Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) be developed concurrently with the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Work Plan.

The PEA determines the following:

- Do chemicals of potential concern exist on the site in amounts that are an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment?
- Does the presence of chemicals warrant further investigation?
- Does OE/UXO exist in the soil within the site boundaries?

Public Comment Period

The draft RAW is available for review and public comment at the repositories listed at the end of this document during the public comment period from:

September 10 to October 8, 2004

Written comments on the draft RAW must be postmarked by October 8, 2004, and sent to:

**Ms. Robbie Morris
Project Manager
Dept. of Toxic Substances Control
9174 Sky Park Ct, Suite 150
San Diego, CA 92123-4340
Email: rmorris@dtsc.ca.gov**

- Does identified OE/UXO warrant detonation-in-place disposal?

Preliminary information indicates that the school site area was not exposed to large explosive devices. It was most likely used as a firing range using smaller projectiles such as 37mm to 75mm ammunition.

WHAT HAPPENS IF OE/UXO IS FOUND AT THE SITE?

If OE/UXO is encountered during the environmental investigations, the RAW defines procedures for disposing of OE/UXO determined unsafe to move or handle. Prior to detonation, the San Diego Police and Fire Departments, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and DTSC must be notified.

Included in the RAW is an Explosive Safety Submission report that outlines the safety aspects associated with investigating and removing OE/UXO.

It is unlikely that OE/UXO will be discovered at the site; however, if these items are found, proper procedures will be followed to ensure safe disposal. A metal containment system will be placed around the item and then detonated by remote control from a safe distance. Detonation events, if required, would occur between 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm from October 2004 through January 2005.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

DTSC prepared a draft NOE for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt because it will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the relatively short project duration, and controlled manner in which potential OE/UXO items will be disposed. Additionally, the removal action costs will not exceed \$1 million, which meets the CEQA exemption requirement based on a Class 30 exemption as described in Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15330.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

All comments on the draft RAW must be postmarked by October 8, 2004. After the public comment period ends, DTSC will evaluate all comments received, direct necessary revisions, and approve the RAW for implementation. If the RAW is approved, fieldwork may begin in late October 2004. Field activities associated with the RAW will last approximately 3 months.

SDUSD will submit a Removal Action Completion Report for DTSC review and approval. A copy of this report will be available in the information repositories.

For More Information

If you have questions regarding the DTSC environmental investigation, please contact:

Robbie Morris, DTSC Project Manager, at (858) 637-5536

Yvette LaDuke, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2909

Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Media Contact, at (818) 551-2176

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con:

Mr. Peter Garcia, Branch Chief at (714) 484- 5310

SDUSD Contact:

Jim Bray, Civil/Environmental Engineering Coordinator, at (858) 573-5773

Project Documents are available for public review at the following locations:

Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library

10301 Scripps Lake Drive
San Diego, CA 92131-1026

Phone: (858) 538-8158

Hours: Mon & Wed 12:00pm - 8:00pm
Tues, Thurs
Fri & Sat 9:30am - 5:30pm

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Regional Records Office
5796 Corporate Avenue

Cypress, CA 90630

Contact: Julie Johnson
Phone: (714) 484-5337

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm

San Diego Unified School District

Facilities Management
Maintenance and Operations Center
4860 Ruffner Street

San Diego, CA 92111-1522

Contact: Jim Bray

Phone: (858) 573-5773

Hours: Mon – Fri 7:30am - 4:00pm

Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 (TDD) or by calling Yvette LaDuke, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2909.

COMMENT FORM

If you have any comments concerning the **Scripps Ranch Middle School RAW**, please fill in the information below and mail by **October 8, 2004** to:

Ms. Robbie Morris, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 150, San Diego, CA 92123-4340. Please include your name and address if you wish to receive a copy of the Response to Comments when the final RAW is issued.

Name _____

Organization (optional) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Fax _____ (optional) E-mail _____ (optional)

Comments (*attach additional pages if needed*)
